

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize and celebrate Reverend Dr. Wanda Thompson for her dedication and service for Ward 8.

WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson is an ordained minister and a clinical psychologist, licensed in D.C. and Maryland;

WHEREAS, her educational accomplishments include an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Dickinson College; a Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Psychology from Temple University; and a Master of Divinity degree from Howard University School of Divinity;

WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson received her certificate in Leadership Development in 2007 from the Master Teacher Program at the George Washington University School of Education and Human Development;

WHEREAS, she worked in the mental health field in several jurisdictions providing her expertise and experience to help residents;

WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson retired in 2011 after 25 years as a clinical psychologist in the Freddie Mac Foundation Child and Adolescent Protection Center at Children's National Medical Center and where she also was a member of the faculty and medical staff, serving as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics with the George Washington University;

WHEREAS, she continues to support the community by operating a private practice, working primarily with adult and child trauma victims and survivors;

WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson currently serves as the Pastor of the Ambassador Baptist Church, located at 1412 Minnesota Avenue, S.E., Washington D.C;

WHEREAS, she served as a member of the Ambassador Baptist Church for 38 years, during her tenure she served in several capacities at the church, including Sunday School Superintendent, Chair of the Trustee Ministry, Church Administrator and Assistant Pastor;

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WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson is a member of several community and faith groups, including the Wednesday Clergy Group, Clergy for Community Wealth Preservation, Sister Clergy, Anacostia Coordinating Council, Ward Eight Faith Leaders Group, Ward Eight Food Pantry Collaborative and EmpowerDC groups;

WHEREAS, she was selected on September 18, 2018, to serve as member of the 21-Member Stakeholder Alliance to DC Water, which is a panel of residents and advocates who provide informal input to the General Manager of DC Water, on a range of timely and important issues affecting the community;

WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson has worked on, presented and marched for several social justice issues –including D.C.’s contingent leading the Poor People’s Campaign, Saving Our Homes, affordable housing and understanding property taxes – and has done so either autonomously or through her membership of Clergy for Community Wealth Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Thompson has consistently held the belief, followed by consistent action, that it is important to make a difference in the lives of church members and the community, considering herself foremost as a servant of God, seeking to carry out the will and path of the Divine Highest Powers.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Reverend Dr. Wanda Thompson Ceremonial Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.